Public Notice for Water Quality Certification and/or Waste Discharge Requirements (Dredge/Fill Projects)

Apask Corporation, Patrick King Sunrise Hills Subdivision, Cloverdale WDID No. 1B03204WNSO Sonoma County

On November 24, 2003, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) received an application from Patrick King of Apask Corporation requesting a Water Quality Certification and/or Waste Discharge Requirements (Dredge/Fill Projects) for the Sunrise Hills Subdivision in Sonoma County. The application was deemed complete on January 14, 2004. The proposed project causes disturbances to waters of the state associated with a tributary of the Russian River, Hydrologic Unit No. 114.00.

The project is located at the intersection of Foothill Boulevard and Sandholm Lane in Cloverdale, Sonoma County. The purpose of the project is to develop a single-family residential subdivision on Sandholm Lane. The project will include filling 0.27 acres of wetlands and 0.015 acres of an unnamed stream channel tributary to the Russian River. The total area to be filled is 0.285 acres. A mitigation and monitoring proposal has been developed to offset the impacts.

The developer has proposed to create and restore 0.47 acres of seasonal wetlands in a designated on-site mitigation area. The designated on-site mitigation area is to the east of the unnamed stream in the immediate area of other existing wetlands. The existing watershed consisting of the creek channel, riparian woodland vegetation and downstream adjacent "wet-meadow" seasonal wetlands at the creek's terminus will be permanently preserved through a Preservation Easement between the project proponent and the City of Cloverdale.

The developer has also proposed to implement a buffer to protect the riparian woodland. The buffer, as proposed, would allow a pedestrian footpath and storm water detention within the buffer area.

The City of Cloverdale Planning Commission, as the lead California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) agency, has determined that this project qualifies for a Mitigated Negative Declaration.

Regional Water Board staff propose to regulate this project pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1341) and/or Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act Authority. In addition, staff will consider all comments received during a 21-day comment period that begins on the first date of issuance of this notice. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Mona Dougherty at (707) 570-3761 or at dough@rb1.swrcb.ca.gov within 21 days of the posting of this notice.